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SUBJECT: PREPARATION OF 1978 UNCLASSIFIED COUNTRY REPORTS
ON HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES

REF: STATE 207310

1. AS YOU HAVE NOTED REFTTEL, THE DEPARTMENT IS AGAIN BEGINNING THE CYCLE OF PREPARATION OF UNCLASSIFIED HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS ON INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES FOR SUBMISSION TO THE CONGRESS. WE ARE ALL AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE REPORTS TO OUR OVERALL HUMAN RIGHTS EFFORTS, TO CONGRESSIONAL ATTITUDES ON, AND TO OUR RELATIONS WITH THE COUNTRIES INVOLVED. WE IN ARA INTEND TO ASSIGN HIGH PRIORITY TO THE PREPARATION OF THESE REPORTS AND I HAVE ASKED JOHN BUSHNELL TO ASSUME PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR COORDINATING THIS PROJECT. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR GIVING YOUR PERSONAL ATTENTION TO THESE REPORTS.

2. AS A FIRST STEP WE ARE ASKING ALL ARA ACTION ADDRESSEES TO PREPARE A BASIC DRAFT OF THE 1978 HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT ON THEIR COUNTRY. THESE DRAFTS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT NO LATER THAN MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11. DRAFTING COMMENTS FOLLOW:

3. YOUR DRAFTS SHOULD BE ON THE ORDER OF 4-5 PAGES SINGLE SPACED, IF CONDITIONS WARRANT (AND IF POSSIBLE LESS, CONSISTENT WITH NEED FOR COMPLETENESS.) THEY SHOULD STAND ON THEIR OWN AS COMPLETE UNITS; THEY SHOULD NOT, FOR EXAMPLE, SIMPLY REFER TO LAST YEAR'S REPORT WITH NOTATIONS OF CHANGE OR LACK THEREOF. I WOULD EXPECT THAT THERE WOULD BE QUALITATIVE IMPROVEMENTS EVEN IN THE BEST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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4. HA HAS PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS WHICH SHOULD BE USEFUL TO YOU:

IN DRAFTING THE REPORTS, OBJECTIVITY, SPECIFICITY AND RESPONSIVENESS TO HEADINGS IN THE FORMAT SHOULD BE STRESSED. WITH REGARD TO CONTENT, THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS MAY BE HELPFUL AND ILLUSTRATIVE.

WE NEED ACCURATE PRECES OF GOVERNMENTS' ACTUAL COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING THE LOT OF THE POOR WITH ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES, SUCH AS GOVERNMENT-DIRECTED OR TOLERATED PRACTICES WHICH HAVE NEGATIVE EFFECTS ON ECONOMIC HUMAN RIGHTS, (I.E. REGRESSIVE TAX SYSTEMS, EXTENT AND EFFECTS OF CORRUPTION, WAGE POLICIES, ETC.) STATUS OF WOMEN, LABOR RIGHTS AND DISCRIMINATION. NOTE RELEVANT LEGAL DEVELOPMENTS, POINTING OUT ANY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE LAW AND ITS PRACTICE. IF REPRESSIVE PRACTICES EXIST, ARE THERE INSTITUTIONAL CONSTRAINTS AGAINST THEM?

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ASSEMBLY

B. FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT WITHIN THE COUNTRY, FOREIGN
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C. FREEDOM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS

(5) GOVERNMENT ATTITUDE AND RECORD REGARDING INTERNATIONAL AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS

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